

HCS HB 401 -- MISSOURI ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSION ASSOCIATION

SPONSOR: Shumake

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Standing Committee on Corrections by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute establishes the Missouri Advisory Boards and Commissions Association that allows current and former members of advisory boards and commissions and members of governing boards of state colleges and universities to join together in a formal organization. The purpose of the association is to provide a framework to share observations and insights derived from their participation as board or commission members to study and discuss matters of statewide importance and make recommendations as requested to the General Assembly and the offices of the executive branch of state government. Membership in the association is purely voluntary, and members must serve without compensation.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that because of term limits there is a great loss of institutional knowledge and bringing these people together will help provide guidance to state lawmakers on the needs of the state.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Shumake; and Louis Riggs.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.